

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commission Chambers

701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

Mayor Tyrone Garner

Commissioner At-Large Dist. 1 Melissa Bynum – Commissioner At-Large Dist. 2 Tom Burroughs –

Commissioner Dist. 1 Gayle E. Townsend – Commissioner Dist. 2 Bill Burns –

Commissioner Dist. 3 Christian Ramirez – Commissioner Dist. 4 Dr. Evelyn Hill –

Commissioner Dist. 5 Mike Kane – Commissioner Dist. 6 Phil Lopez –

Commissioner Dist. 7 Chuck Stites – Commissioner Dist. 8 Andrew Davis

MINUTES

Thursday, November 21, 2024

7:02 PM – 8:25 PM

Attendance:

Commissioners Present:

- Commissioner Burroughs (as Mayor Pro Tem)
- Commissioner Bynum
- Commissioner Townsend
- Commissioner Burns
- Commissioner Ramirez
- Commissioner Hill
- Commissioner Kane
- Commissioner Lopez
- Commissioner Stites
- Commissioner Davis

Commissioners Absent:

- Mayor Tyrone Garner

Staff Present:

- Monica L. Sparks (Unified Government Clerk)
- David Johnston (County Administrator)
- Angela Lawson (Acting Chief Counsel)
- Chelsee Chism (Economic Development Director)
- Dr. Shelley Kneuvean (Chief Financial Officer)
- Judge Meaghan E. Shultz (Administrative Judge for Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court)
- John Khaili (City Prosecutor)
- Judge Tony Martinez (Judge, Division 12, District Court)

Call to Order:

Mayor Pro Tem Burroughs called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Chaplain Annie Erickson led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Revisions to Agenda:

No revisions to the agenda were reported.

6. Mayor's Agenda:**Item No. 6.1 – Proclamation proclaiming the week of November 11-15, 2024, as Navy Week. (Discussion Begins 8:52)**

This item was read into the record of the meeting, and no commission action was required.

Item No. 6.2 - Proclamation proclaiming Sunday, November 17, 2024, as First Baptist Church Day. (Discussion Begins 9:08)

This item was read into the record of the meeting, and no commission action was required.

Item No. 6.3 – Proclamation proclaiming November 23, 2024, as Kansas City Kansas Fire Station 11 Day. (Discussion Begins 9:24)

This item was read into the record of the meeting, and no commission action was required.

Item No. 6.4 – Proclamation proclaiming the month of November 2024, as Stomach Cancer Awareness Month. (Discussion Begins 9:58)

This item was read into the record of the meeting, and no commission action was required.

Item No. 6.5 – PRESENTATION: MUNICIPAL COURT MARIJUANA AND DRUG DIVERSION PROGRAMS (Discussion Begins 10:18)

Judge [Meaghan E.] Shultz, the Administrative Judge for Kansas City, Kansas Municipal Court, and John Khaili, the City Prosecutor, presented the marijuana and drug diversion programs during the meeting.

Key Points:

- Help individuals avoid criminal penalties for marijuana and drug paraphernalia possession if qualified or eligible for the diversion program
 - A. Diversion at the discretion of the prosecutor
- Program Requirements: \$100 diversion fee. Watch an educational video and answer questions about the video
- Program Statistics from October 1, 2023 through October 1, 2024, 14 people opted for marijuana possession diversion. 8 people opted for drug paraphernalia diversion. 10 people successfully completed marijuana diversion. 10 people successfully completed drug paraphernalia diversion.
- Allows one diversion per calendar year. The expungement fee was waived for a year. Aims to prevent individuals from getting felony charges for repeated offenses. Provide an alternative to criminal prosecution, especially for younger adults, to prevent long-term consequences of marijuana-related convictions.
- Expungement fee \$50 and waived it at time. No one took advantage of it. Would consider it again for a limited amount of time, but overall, it's on them to actually take action.

This item was for information only and no action was required.

7. Consent Agenda: (Discussion Begins 48:46)

Item No. 7.1 – RESOLUTION: ANNUAL CASH AND INVESTMENT POLICY APPROVAL

Item No. 7.3 – RESOLUTION: FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AT 4601 RAINBOW

Item No. 7.4 – RESOLUTION: 2024 LAND & WATER CONSERVATION GRANT

Item No. 7.5 – APPOINTMENT: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Item No. 7.6 – COMMUNICATION: PROPOSED 2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Item No. 7.7 – MINUTES

Item No. 7.8 – WEEKLY BUSINESS

A request was made by Commissioner Lopez to set aside Item No. 7.2.

Commissioner Kane made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda except Item No. 7.2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Garner

Item No. 7.2 – RESOLUTION: THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE CRITERION DEVELOPMENT (Discussion Begins 49:55)

Chelsee Chism, Economic Development Director, presented the item. Kurt Peterson is representing the developer.

Key Points:

- 232-unit commercial multi-family development
- Located at State Avenue and 115th Street
- Proposed bond issuance not to exceed \$62 million
- Located in the American Royal star bond district

Developer's (Kurt Peterson) Comments:

- Residential developments are often necessary in star bond districts
- Provides "rooftops" that support commercial areas
- Compared to other developments like Home Field and Legends, which also have residential components

Commissioners' Perspectives:

- Commissioner Lopez initially questioned the project's fit in the star bond district
- Concerns about generating sales tax
 - No sales confirmed by Kurt Peterson
 - It doesn't generate star bond revenue and does not receive star bond revenue

Commissioner Stites made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Garner

10. Administrator's Agenda:

Item No. 10.1 – PRESENTATION: 2023 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (Discussion Begins 56:34)

Dr. Shelley Kneuvean, Chief Financial Officer, introduced staff from the Finance and Budget Department, along with Jacob Holman and Shane Nickle, CPAs from ForvisMazars, who will present the results of the 2023 financial audit report.

Key Points:

- The General Fund balance (combined City and County) of \$68.8 million, with an unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$62.1 million (3.6 months of revenue).
- Government activities' net position decreased from \$37 million to \$22 million.
- Business-type activities net position increased from \$690 million to \$747 million.
- The Special Grants Fund has \$42 million in unearned revenue (related to ARPA grants).
- Adopted two new accounting standards (GASB 94 and GASB 96).
- Transitioned to a new financial management system (Workday).
- Recommendations to complete annual conflict of interest statements.
- Conduct a cybersecurity risk assessment and implement an incident response plan.

This item was for information only and no action was required.

Commissioner Kane made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Commissioners and reconvened as the Land Bank Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis. (Discussion Begins 56:34)

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Garner

12. Land Bank Board of Trustees:

Item No. 12.1 – LAND BANK OPTIONS (Discussion Begins 1:26:13)

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Garner

13. Adjournment: (Discussion Begins 1:26:38)

Commissioner Kane made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramirez.

Vote: Motion carries 9/0

- Ayes: Townsend, Burns, Ramirez, Hill, Kane, Lopez, Stites, Davis, Bynum
- Nays: None
- Absent: Garner

MAYOR PRO TEM BURROUGHS

ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:25 P.M.

November 21, 2024

Monica L. Sparks, CMC

Interim Unified Government Clerk